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RE: Please consider below as official public comment on EKCC's appeal on the proposed Rowan transmission line, case number 2005-00458..

I respect EKCC's appeal to find the lowest cost route that minimizes usage of private property; however, our public lands—especially this section of embattled forest—should not be viewed as wasteland to be used with impunity by utilities or other exploitative agencies trying to trim their bottom line.

EKCC states that constructing a new power line would cause minimal environmental damage. There are at least 3 power lines with their attendant corridors that already bisect this section of forest between KY 799 and US 32. EKCC's would be the fourth. Add to that the access roads for each corridor as well as the diminished aesthetic and recreational appeal of a sliced up forest, and it's plain to see that the environmental damage would be quite extensive. I fear that the powers that be will not be satisfied until this entire section of forest becomes a massive utility right of way with a scattering of trees. This is not how National Forest land was intended to be used.

To continually scar and cheapen our public lands under the guise of corporate stewardship is unfair to the public who use and appreciate this rapidly vanishing resource.

Sincerely,



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